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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Susan Heiligman FRANK

1. Reference is made to your New York Field Office memorandum dated 25 January 1966, captioned as above. The following amplifies information orally passed your Bureau via liaison on 17 February.

2. On 26 January, SUGAR was contacted in Brussels, Belgium, at his hotel by a woman calling herself Lisa ARMAND. Subsequently having the opportunity to check the hotel register, he found that a woman was also registered as a Mrs. FRANK, travelling on a U. S. passport. Since the call from "Lisa ARMAND" was an inside call, he assumed that this was a name being used by Mrs. FRANK. The hotel in question is frequented by communists and particularly by foreign communist elements having dealings with Belgium's pro-Chinese Communist Party.

3. Subject told SUGAR that she planned to stay in Brussels only one day before leaving for her return trip to the United States. She had spent a week in London, contacting many people on behalf of William EPTON. She was unwilling to give any account of contacts but did admit to seeing William ASH and some of the people involved in the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding, a British organization which seeks to promote friendship and contacts with Communist China. Subject stressed that she was representing the Epton Committee in New York, not the Progressive Labor Party. SUGAR was told by Rene RAINDORF, lieutenant of Jacques GRIPPA, that Subject stated that the Progressive Labor Party was trying to establish fraternal contacts with the Japanese Communist Party and the Japanese Socialist Party.

4. Subject told SUGAR that she had been in Algiers in June at the time of the downfall of BEN BELLA. She stated that she had been struck by the National Guardian's decision to publish a violent anti-Boumedienne diatribe by S. CORYELL, an American living in Paris whom she described as fanatically "benbellist."

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5. SUGAR and Subject were joined by Rene RAINDORF and Michael GRAINDORGE, secretary of GRIPPA's youth group and now a lawyer. ARMAND outlined the case of EPTON to them and urged them to get statements on EPTON's behalf from all possible quarters, especially Belgian lawyer's associations. RAINDORF and GRAINDORGE were surprised to learn that Subject planned to return to the United States without making similar contacts in France and Italy. Subject stated she had some addresses in Paris, among them Partisans and Jacques VERGES. France

6. SUGAR found Subject friendly but very uncommunicative, cautious, and somewhat defensive. Subject maintained she had no detailed knowledge of the newly formed Communist Party of the U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist) in Los Angeles, the Ad Hoc Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party in Chicago or other Pro-Chinese groups.

7. Lisa ARMAND made an appointment to see Jacques GRIPPA at his home the morning of the 27th. SUGAR learned from GRIPPA that his interview with Subject had not been very satisfactory. GRIPPA noted that ARMAND's visit was the first contact with U.S. Marxist-Leninists and he had asked her for a survey of the situation in the U.S., but she had cut him off and insisted on confining her remarks to the EPTON case.

8. SUGAR described Subject as about 45 to 50 years old, 5 feet tall, and of squarish build, with dark hair and a "Slavic" appearance.

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